

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee** was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 5:00 p.m., in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

PRESENT: Chair Bernie Erickson, Jerry Polus, John Maino, Rosemary Desisles, Carl Soderburg, Delores Pierce, Duane Pierce, Jim Haskins, Donald Bettine, Ed Koslowski, Sherry Steenbock, Steve Corrigan, Buck Vande Hey, Rachel Daul

****Running Total of Veterans' Certificates: 1427**

1. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bernie Erickson at 5:00 p.m.

2. Invocation by Jim Haskins.

3. Approve/Modify Agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DONALD BETTINE, SECONDED BY DUANE PIERCE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. VOTE TAKEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approve/Modify Minutes of February 19, 2013.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM HASKINS, SECONDED BY DELORES PIERCE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. VOTE TAKEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Brown County Fair – 2013 Veterans Appreciation Day Discussion; Guest Steve Corrigan from the Brown County Fair Board.

CVSO Jerry Polus introduced Steve Corrigan, President of the Fair Board, and explained to him the Veterans Appreciation Day at the Fair. Polus stated that the structure of the event last year was very successful and that the Subcommittee would like to use the same format this year. Polus would like to see the event run from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and he stated that he is still working on getting a band. He will continue to work on securing a band and keep the Subcommittee advised in this regard.

Corrigan introduced Buck Vande Hey, Vice President of the Fair Board and Rachel Daul of the Entertainment Committee to the group. He indicated that the Fair would like to be as much a part of the Veterans Recognition Day festivities as they can be. Corrigan asked if the Subcommittee preferred to hold their event on Saturday or Sunday and it was agreed that Saturday would be the better day. Corrigan noted that there were a few small conflicts last year, one being that the band's performance overlapped the beginning of the rodeo and the band drowned out the rodeo announcers. This was worked out but it is one of the things they will look at more closely for this year's event. Corrigan noted that this year the individual who controls the sound system will be in charge of the volume of the band so that there are no issues.

Corrigan continued that one of the things they are looking to do differently this year is to have a larger tent that extends out into the midway area a little bit more. The tent would be a high rise tent with a center peak of 24 feet and will also have higher sidewalls and the ability to close the tent in the event of inclement weather. Corrigan also noted that the stage for the band would also be inside the tent.

Rachel Daul stated that there was tentatively a band scheduled to play in the tent during the afternoon. She suggested that an alternative to this would be to have the veterans tent set up in a different location altogether. There is a grassy space available in the area that the bear show was held last year that Daul felt may fit the needs of the veterans very well. This space has power and is among some mature oak trees. Carnival noise should not be a factor in this location

and the band would not overpower what was going on in the grandstand from this location either. Joe Witkowski stated it sounded like this area may be a better choice from a parking standpoint and Corrigan stated it may be possible to reserve some adjacent spots for parking. This location would also allow those setting up tables in the tent to drive right up to the tent for loading and unloading. Corrigan also stated that this year there will be four courtesy golf carts to shuttle vets from the parking lot to the tent instead of the two carts they had last year and there will also be someone in charge of this in an effort for it to run more smoothly. Polus and the rest of the Subcommittee agreed that having the tent in this location would make good sense.

Jim Haskins asked Corrigan if the Fair would be providing lemonade and cookies as they have in the past and Corrigan said he will look into this.

With regard to tickets, Polus explained that veterans and their spouses were admitted free last year and questioned if this would be the case again this year. It was Corrigan's understanding that vets and spouses would again be admitted free to this year's event. Daul felt there was some confusion with this in the past as some vets showed up with their identification cards and assumed that they could be admitted that way instead of with a ticket and Polus explained how tickets are distributed.

Haskins asked if the Fair would be providing any publicity for this event and Corrigan responded that the television stations appear willing to help promote the Fair through their community events calendars. This can be done without affecting anyone's budget. Polus stated that he would like to see the Appreciation Day included in the Fair pamphlet for Saturday events and Corrigan stated that it would be included and noted that anything that needs to go to print should be provided by the end of April.

Ed Koslowski stated that last year some of the groups that had a limited amount of volunteers to staff their tables asked if it would be possible to obtain a ticket to come back the next day to walk around and enjoy the Fair. Corrigan stated that this would not be possible. Tickets to the Fair can be purchased prior to the event for anyone interested in coming back another day and the tickets include free parking and free carnival rides and events in the grandstand. Tickets would be \$12.00 at the gate except on Sunday when tickets are available for \$5.00.

Koslowski asked if there would be room for vehicle displays and Corrigan stated that room would be made available but he would like to know in advance the number and size of vehicles that would be there.

Polus thanked Corrigan, Daul and Vande Hey for coming to the meeting and answering questions and providing information and stated that he will keep Corrigan posted of plans and details. He stated that last year all posters and tickets were mailed out on June 27 and he would like to stick to a similar timeframe this year.

Koslowski stated he had updated his roster for those being invited to participate in the Fair event, however, there were a few addresses he was still in need of and this was for the Marine Corp League, 127th Veterans Association and representatives of Military One Source as well as the USO. Koslowski will follow up on these and he would like to see Polus's list to cross reference. He would like to start having planning meetings in April and will send out a notice as to the date and time of the meetings.

Polus also stated that he had contacted the Ashwaubenon High School band and was advised that they do not perform during the summer months. He was advised by the band director that he had the name of a girl who sings the National Anthem if we were interested in having her do that. Polus hoped to know about the availability of the Army Band by the next meeting and if they are unable to perform Polus will move on to plan b.

6. Discussion re: Commemorative Partner Program for 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War with possible action.

Polus stated that County Executive Troy Streckenbach had received a letter recently from the State Department of Veterans Affairs. The letter stated that Wisconsin is the best state in the

nation for taking care of veterans and recognizing them for their selfless service. The letter continued that the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs has joined the Vietnam War Commemoration as a commemorative partner for the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. The Commemorative Partner Program is designed for federal, state and local communities as well as veterans' organizations and nongovernmental organizations to assist in thanking and honoring our nation's Vietnam veterans with dignified and memorable events to pay tribute to all veterans, especially those of Vietnam.

Polus stated that he had talked to Erickson about this and they discussed if there would be a way to tie this in with the Military Appreciation Day at the Fair by offering a special recognition or ceremony for the Vietnam Vets. Polus also stated that they have spoken with Rolf Johnson at the Museum about becoming involved in this as well. Polus asked if there was anyone on the Subcommittee that could act as a link with the Vietnam vets and Duane Pierce stated that he would do this. One of the things they discussed to honor the vets was playing music from the Vietnam era and another suggestion was to pass out some sort of commemorative item such as a pocketknife. Erickson had a sample of a pocketknife that he passed around. Other commemorative items such as coins and medals were also discussed.

It was the consensus of this Subcommittee to have this Vietnam recognition done in conjunction with the Fair. Koslowski suggested that if this is done at the Fair, the Vietnam Vets should be asked to do the honor guard. Erickson also stated that if this commemoration is to be done at the Fair, information regarding it could be included on the posters and perhaps the tickets as well. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

7. Report from CVSO Jerry Polus.

Polus reported that there are currently 19 participants in Veterans Court. The maximum number that this program can support is about 25. Polus stated that the program has been very successful. He and Tom Hinz will be meeting with the VBA to thank them for their donation and update them on some of the success stories that have come out of court. Polus noted that there has not been one person who has left the program, either voluntarily or involuntarily.

8. Report from Committee Members Present (Erickson, Bettine, Desisles, Haskins, Maino, Ness, Pierce, Steenbock, Walschinski, Witkowski).

-Rosemary Desisles provided an update on the Community Blueprint Program. She has recently received an e mail from Mike Egan that stated they had a presentation by the Red Cross rep and they will be discussing joint community forces efforts to organize support at the local level. She stated that the Whitehouse is starting to see what is being done in Wisconsin and this is a good thing. She also stated that she had donated a painting to be auctioned off to the Desert Storm vets but she is not sure how much was raised, but the money went towards hospice for veterans and extra educational monies for veterans going back to school.

-Delores Pierce reported that there will be an Easter egg hunt at Legion Post 11 on Irwin Avenue beginning at 10:00 a.m. on March 30. She urged people to come on time as last year the eggs were all found very quickly. Duane Pierce also reminded the Subcommittee that the Post's semi-annual booyah sale will take place on April 20. He also indicated that he had received an e mail that stated even though there are massive budget cuts around the country in all things military, JPAC has put the word out that they have nine teams in Vietnam and Laos searching for remains.

-Donald Bettine reported that Memorial Day is coming up in May and the United Patriotic Society will have its ceremony at Flatley Park and he will send more information later with final details. He thought the ceremony would take place at 5:00 p.m.

Bettine concluded his report by stating that the time has come for him to resign his position on this Subcommittee. He said that age is catching up with him and he feels that he is no longer able to do the things he felt a Committee member should do. Erickson accepted the resignation and thanked Bettine for all the things he has done over the years and this was followed by a round of applause for Bettine.

-Jim Haskins stated that he had recently eaten at Julies Café in Howard and there was a jar on the counter labeled "A Soldier's Wish". This is an organization based in Reedsburg, Wisconsin. More information can be obtained at their website which is www.asolderswishlist.org.

-John Maino did not have anything to report.

-Sherry Steenbock stated that six new certificates had been mailed out. She also stated that she had contacted Rosemary Hinkfuss to ask her for her ideas to assist this Subcommittee in getting the Veterans Day Off With Pay State Senate Bill passed. Hinkfuss informed Steenbock that she should contact all veterans' organizations in the state so Steenbock created a letter, a copy of which is attached, which she would like to send to the organizations. She asked members of the Subcommittee to review the letter and advise her by the end of the week if anything should be changed or modified. Hopefully the veterans organizations would then contact their senators to request that they co-sponsor the bill. She also contacted someone from Senator Hansen's office and was advised that the plan was to circulate the bill for sponsorship this week. Steenbock felt we need to get going on this as soon as possible. Steenbock continued that Rosemary Desisles has provided her with a list of veterans organizations in the Brown County area and she also has a statewide list.

Haskins stated that the problem with this bill is that it never got out of Committee. He continued that they contacted all of the senators in the State of Wisconsin and were told the same thing, that being that the economy is bad and employers will not want to do this. He will continue to push for this however. Erickson stated that he agreed with this bill, but he would be concerned of what the fiscal impact would be. He asked if anyone had come up with a formula to see how many veterans would be affected by this to see what the costs to employers would be. Polus stated that he strongly supports this, however, he suggested another approach, that being sending letters to the CEOs and owners of companies stating that we believe this should be an honored day for veterans and would they consider providing their veterans with the day off. Polus felt the reality of this is that it will be a hard sell mandating this on a State level. The discussion continued and Steenbock indicated that she feels very strongly about this and it's the principal of this and she would like to give it another shot. Joe Witkowski stated that some veterans who have served their country have a job while others do not. Only those who are lucky enough to have an employer would have the benefit of a day off with pay. He felt this was great to be able to do this, but it would be unequal to the veterans who do not have a job.

-Joe Witkowski had several newspaper articles to share with the Subcommittee. One of them had to do with Veterans Court and the other was related to struggling veterans increasingly seeking help from military charities.

9. Such Other Matters As Authorized By Law.

Carl Soderburg agreed that the Veterans Day Off With Pay will be a tough sell. He does agree with the idea and felt it is important, but he felt that asking to honor veterans with someone else's resources would not go over well. He stated that the most important thing to do is to have as many constituents as possible approach their legislators on this.

Soderburg also reported that he had been at the Iron Mountain VA Clinic and he reported on the telehealth program they have begun using. Many preliminary diagnostic functions can now be performed with a secure two-way function over the internet similar to Skype.

10. Adjourn.

MOTION MADE BY JIM HASKINS, SECONDED BY DONALD BETTINE TO ADJOURN AT 6:35 P.M. VOTE TAKEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Recording Secretary

Re: State Senate Bill to mandate employers giving Veteran's Day off w/pay to veteran employees.

Dear

The purpose of the Brown County Veteran's Recognition Subcommittee is to find ways to personally honor our veterans. One manner that we have been pursuing is to have a state bill passed that would mandate all employers to give their veterans employees Veteran's Day off with pay.

The thought and purpose of Veteran's Day may slip by most people as they go about their daily routines. The true meaning of Veteran's Day must not be diminished or forgotten. Veteran's Day was intended to honor all living veterans for their sacrifices to our country. We cannot adequately repay them for the sacrificial services they gave for the freedom all Americans enjoy on a daily basis. Our veterans did not disappoint their country when they were called to serve and wear the uniform of the United States.

Currently, all federal and state employees (except for the state of Wisconsin) are granted off work w/pay on Veteran's Day. Thus, our country is honoring a place of employment versus the people whom the holiday was intended for; this is inappropriate, disrespectful and offensive to veterans. It is like hosting a birthday party but the guest of honor is not invited. Is it fair or proper that a veteran must use vacation time, make up the time or go without pay to attend "their" Veteran's Day activities on Veteran's Day yet a government employee has the day off with pay with most of them not attending any Veteran's Day activities? It is not the idea of having a work day off; it is for the respect that a veteran has earned and deserves that they should be able to attend the Veteran's Day ceremonies.

A state senate bill requiring all Wisconsin public and private employers to grant their veteran employees off with a paid leave of absence on Veteran's Day was introduced by Senator Dave Hansen three times but never passed yet. Our committee was not informed of the hearings for this bill until after they were voted down. Senator Hansen is currently in the process of creating a such bill again and will notify our committee when a public hearing will take place in Madison.

In hopes of being successful this time, we are contacting as many veteran organizations as possible to make them aware of this pursuit and asking for their support of this bill. We have been advised that the more lobbying from Wisconsin residents and veterans that the senate receives and/or are present regarding this bill; the better chance it will be passed.

A letter of support can be written to your senator; urging them to sign on as a cosponsor of this bill. The more cosponsors the bill has, the more likely it will be taken up for consideration. To find your district senator, go to the website address of www.legis.wisconsin.gov. Click on the Senate button on the left hand side. Then click on "Senators Home Pages" on the column to the right. If you know your senator's name, scroll down to it. If you do not know your senator's names, click on "Who Represents me?", type in your street address, city and zip code. After clicking on your senator's name, the following page will include his phone number and email address.

Please inform your organization of this upcoming senate bill and encourage veterans to contact their senator and attend this hearing, if possible. Possibly your organization would be willing to sponsor the travel costs for any participating veterans.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact myself (920) 497-1910 or any committee member. A letter will be forthcoming that will inform your organization of the day and time

of the public hearing for this state bill.

Sincerely,

Sherry Steenbock, Vice-Chair
Brown County Veteran's Recognition Subcommittee

sbs3@netnet.net

From: <sbs3@netnet.net>
To: <Sen.Cowles@legis.wisconsin.gov>; <rep.weininger@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 6:50 PM
Subject: State Senate Veteran's Day Off bill
 Hello Senator Cowles and Weininger,

As my senate representatives, I am asking that you co-sponsor Senator Dave Hansen's Veterans Day Off bill that will be circulated for sponsorship this week. The LRB # is -1514/1.

As a member of the Brown County Veteran's Recognition Subcommittee, one of the purposes of our committee is to find ways to personally honor our veterans. One manner that we have been pursuing is to have a state senate bill passed that would mandate all employers to give their veteran employees Veteran's Day off with pay.

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On a personal note, my husband, Gary Steenbock is a Vietnam Veteran. Unbeknown to him, I asked a previous employer of his to consider giving him off with pay on Veteran's Day which his boss did. When arriving home on Veteran's Day that year, he was quite emotional and expressed to me how much it meant to him to attend the activities that day and for the first time in over 30 years that he felt like had been honored and respected for being a veteran.

Please consider being a cosponsor of this very important bill for our veterans. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (920) 497-1910 or via email. Thank you.

Sincerely,
 Sherry Steenbock, Vice-Chair
 Brown County Veteran's Recognition Subcommittee

3/18/2013

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State of Wisconsin
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LRB-1514/1
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2013 BILL

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 111.322 (2m) (a) and 111.322 (2m) (b); and *to create* 103.08
2 and 106.54 (10) of the statutes; **relating to:** a requirement that all employers
3 in this state grant a paid leave of absence on Veterans Day to employees who
4 are veterans.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, November 11 (Veterans Day) is a legal holiday. This bill requires every public and private employer in this state to grant to each employee who is a veteran a paid leave of absence for the entire workday on Veterans Day, or on the following Monday if Veterans Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday and the employee is not scheduled to work on that day. Under the bill, for employees who are covered under a collective bargaining agreement, the paid leave of absence is granted only if so provided in the collective bargaining agreement.

The bill prohibits an employer from discharging or discriminating against an employee in promotion, in compensation, or in the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment for taking a paid leave of absence on Veterans Day; opposing a discharge or discrimination in violation of the bill; filing a complaint or attempting to enforce a right under the bill; or testifying or assisting in any action or proceeding to enforce a right under the bill. An employee who is discharged or discriminated against in violation of the bill may file a complaint with the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), and DWD must process the complaint in the same manner that employment discrimination complaints are processed under current law. That

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processing may include the ordering of back pay, reinstatement, compensation in lieu of reinstatement, and costs and attorney fees.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 103.08 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **103.08 Paid leave of absence on Veterans Day.** (1) In this section:

3 (a) “Employee” means an individual employed in this state by an employer.

4 (b) “Employer” means a person engaging in any activity, enterprise, or business
5 in this state. “Employer” includes the state and any office, department, independent
6 agency, authority, institution, association, society, or other body in state government
7 created or authorized to be created by the constitution or any law, including the
8 legislature and the courts.

9 (c) “Veteran” has the meaning given in s. 45.01 (12) (a) to (f).

10 (2) (a) Subject to par. (b), an employer shall grant to each employee who is a
11 veteran a paid leave of absence on November 11 or, if November 11 falls on a Saturday
12 or Sunday and the employee is not scheduled to work on November 11, on the
13 following Monday. The leave of absence shall be for the entire workday. If an
14 employee intends to take a leave of absence under this paragraph, the employee
15 shall, in a reasonable and practicable manner, give the employer advance notice of
16 the leave of absence.

17 (b) For employees whose wages, hours, and conditions of employment are
18 determined under a collective bargaining agreement, par. (a) applies only if the paid
19 leave of absence described in par. (a) is provided under the collective bargaining
20 agreement.

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1 (3) An employer may not discharge or discriminate against an employee in
2 promotion, in compensation, or in the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment
3 for taking a paid leave of absence as provided in sub. (2), opposing a practice
4 prohibited under this section, filing a complaint or attempting to enforce any right
5 under this section, or testifying or assisting in any action or proceeding to enforce any
6 right under this section.

7 (4) An employee who is discharged or discriminated against in violation of sub.
8 (3) may file a complaint with the department, and the department shall process the
9 complaint in the same manner that employment discrimination complaints are
10 processed under s. 111.39. If the department finds that an employer has violated sub.
11 (3), it may order the employer to take such action under s. 111.39 as will effectuate
12 the purpose of this section. Section 111.322 (2m) applies to a discharge or other
13 discriminatory act arising in connection with any proceeding under this subsection.

14 **SECTION 2.** 106.54 (10) of the statutes is created to read:

15 106.54 (10) The division shall receive complaints under s. 103.08 (4) and shall
16 process the complaints in the same manner that employment discrimination
17 complaints are processed under s. 111.39.

18 **SECTION 3.** 111.322 (2m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 111.322 (2m) (a) The individual files a complaint or attempts to enforce any
20 right under s. 103.02, 103.08, 103.10, 103.13, 103.28, 103.32, 103.34, 103.455,
21 103.50, 104.12, ~~106.04~~, 109.03, 109.07, 109.075, or 146.997 or ss. 101.58 to 101.599
22 or 103.64 to 103.82.

23 **SECTION 4.** 111.322 (2m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 111.322 (2m) (b) The individual testifies or assists in any action or proceeding
25 held under or to enforce any right under s. 103.02, 103.08, 103.10, 103.13, 103.28,

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1 103.32, 103.34, 103.455, 103.50, 104.12, ~~106.04~~, 109.03, 109.07, 109.075, or 146.997

2 or ss. 101.58 to 101.599 or 103.64 to 103.82.

3 (END)

RESOLUTION NO.: 138--2012-13

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MAJORITY

1 A legislative proposal has been submitted that would allow an individual to have their
2 status as a veteran designated on their state issued operator's license or identification
3 card. Veteran status listed on a driver's license or identification card will assist the
4 veteran and law enforcement personnel in case of an emergency and will diminish the
5 need for a veteran to carry his or her DD-214 which contains sensitive information. This
6 simple change to Wisconsin driver's licenses and state identification cards can make day
7 to day life a little easier for the men and women who have served our country. This
8 resolution supports allowing an individual to have their status as a veteran designated on
9 their state issued operator's license or identification card.


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11 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Health & Human Services Committee
12 recommend adoption of the following resolution.

13 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does support indication of
14 veteran status on an operator's license or identification card. If the department wants a disability rating
15 code put on the driver's license, the veteran would have an option to not have that code listed on the
16 license, and

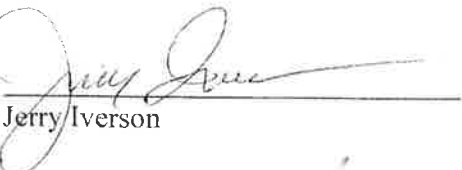
17 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be directed to forward this resolution to
18 the Outagamie County Veterans Service Officer, the Outagamie County Lobbyist for distribution to the
19 legislature, all Wisconsin counties and the Outagamie County Executive.

20 Dated this 13th day of March 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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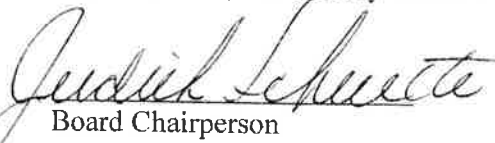
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Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: March 12, 2013

Signed:


Board Chairperson


County Clerk

Approved:

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Vetoed:

Signed:


County Executive



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2013 BILL

1 AN ACT *to renumber* 343.17 (6); *to amend* 343.50 (4); and *to create* 45.03 (13)
2 (o), 343.14 (2) (j), 343.17 (3) (a) 15., 343.17 (6) (b) and 343.50 (3) (am) of the
3 statutes; **relating to:** indication of veteran status on an operator's license or
4 identification card and granting rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows an applicant for a motor vehicle operator's license or identification card issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT) to indicate whether he or she is a veteran and whether he or she wishes to have his or her veteran status indicated on the license or card. If an applicant indicates that he or she is a veteran who wishes to have his or her veteran status indicated on the license or card and provides verification from the Department of Veterans Affairs that the applicant is a veteran, DOT must provide an indication of the person's veteran status on the front side of the license or card.

This bill also allows DOT to promulgate rules establishing veteran disability rating codes to assist in identifying persons that are eligible for benefits programs and requiring that a license or identification card that contains a veteran indication also include a veteran disability rating code.

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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 45.03 (13) (o) of the statutes is created to read:

2 45.03 (13) (o) Provide verification to the department of transportation of the
3 information required under s. 343.14 (2) (j).

4 **SECTION 2.** 343.14 (2) (j) of the statutes is created to read:

5 343.14 (2) (j) A statement as to whether the applicant is a veteran, as defined
6 in s. 45.01 (12), and, if so, whether the applicant wishes to have his or her veteran
7 status indicated on the license or identification card. If the applicant has indicated
8 that he or she is a veteran and wishes to have his or her veteran status indicated on
9 the license or identification card, the applicant shall provide verification from the
10 department of veterans affairs that the applicant is a veteran.

11 **SECTION 3.** 343.17 (3) (a) 15. of the statutes is created to read:

12 343.17 (3) (a) 15. If the person is a veteran, has indicated that he or she wishes
13 to have his or her veteran status indicated on the license, and has provided the
14 verification required under s. 343.14 (2) (j), an indication that the person is a veteran.

15 **SECTION 4.** 343.17 (6) of the statutes is renumbered 343.17 (6) (a).

16 **SECTION 5.** 343.17 (6) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

17 343.17 (6) (b) The department may promulgate rules establishing veteran
18 disability rating codes to assist in identifying persons eligible for benefits programs
19 and requiring that a license document or identification card that contains a veteran
20 indication under sub. (3) (a) 15. or s. 343.50 (3) (a) include a veteran disability rating
21 code.

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SECTION 6

1 **SECTION 6.** 343.50 (3) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

2 343.50 (3) (am) Notwithstanding par. (a), if the department promulgates rules
3 under s. 343.17 (6) (b), a card that contains a veteran indication shall include a
4 veteran disability rating code.

5 **SECTION 7.** 343.50 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 343.50 (4) APPLICATION The application for an identification card shall include
7 any information required under ss. 85.103 (2) and 343.14 (2) (a), (b), (bm), (br), (em),
8 and (es), and (j), and such further information as the department may reasonably
9 require to enable it to determine whether the applicant is entitled by law to an
10 identification card. Except with respect to renewals described in s. 343.165 (4) (d)
11 or renewals by mail or electronic means as authorized under sub. (6), and except as
12 provided in sub. (4g), the department shall, as part of the application process for
13 original issuance or renewal of an identification card, take a digital photograph
14 including facial image capture of the applicant to comply with sub. (3).
15 Misrepresentations in violation of s. 343.14 (5) are punishable as provided in s.
16 343.14 (9).

17 **SECTION 8. Initial applicability.**

18 (1) This act first applies to applications that are made on the effective date of
19 this subsection.

20 **SECTION 9. Effective date.**

21 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 6th month beginning after
22 publication.

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(END)

**OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
MARCH 12, 2013**

Resolution No. 138--2012-2013

ROLL CALL to adopt as amended. RESOLUTION NO. 138--2012-2013 IS ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

1 T. RABEC	YES	19 P. STUECK	YES
2 H. NAGLER	YES	20 M. THOMAS	YES
3 C. SCHMIDT	NO	21 T. THYSSEN	YES
4 K. PATIENCE	YES	22 J. HAGEN	YES
5 J. IVERSON	YES	23 N. HOFACKER	YES
6 J. MAHAN	YES	24 J. PLEUSS	YES
7 L. HAMMEN	YES	25 J. NOOYEN	YES
8 T. KRUEGER	YES	26 J. DUNCAN	YES
9 M. TRENTLAGE	YES	27 D. CULBERTSON	YES
10 J. KARL	YES	28 K. STURN	YES
11 L. DeGROOT	YES	29 B. BUCHMAN	YES
12 J. Mc DANIEL	YES	30 S. GRIESBACH	YES
13 L. VAN ASTEN	Not Present	31 R. THERN	YES
14 D. DE GROOT	Not Present	32 M. RAHMLow	YES
15 VANDENHEUVEL	YES	33 N. AUSTIN	YES
16 B. LEMANSKI	YES	34 D. RETTLER	YES
17 K. GROAT	YES	35 J. SCHUETTE	YES
18 R. GOSSE	YES	36 C. ANTHONY	YES
Results	Item 8 Passed (33 YES - 1 NO)		Maj

**OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
MARCH 12, 2013**

Resolution No. 138--2012-2013

Supervisor Iverson moved, seconded by Stueck, to amend Res. #138 in the first resolve to add that "If the department wants a disability rating code put on the driver's license, the veteran would have an option to not have that code listed on the license."

ROLL CALL to amend. AMENDMENT CARRIED.

1 T. RABEC	YES	19 P. STUECK	YES
2 H. NAGLER	YES	20 M. THOMAS	YES
3 C. SCHMIDT	YES	21 T. THYSSEN	YES
4 K. PATIENCE	YES	22 J. HAGEN	YES
5 J. IVERSON	YES	23 N. HOFACKER	YES
6 J. MAHAN	YES	24 J. PLEUSS	YES
7 L. HAMMEN	YES	25 J. NOOYEN	YES
8 T. KRUEGER	YES	26 J. DUNCAN	ABSTAIN
9 M. TRENTLAGE	YES	27 D. CULBERTSON	YES
10 J. KARL	YES	28 K. STURN	YES
11 L. DeGROOT	YES	29 B. BUCHMAN	YES
12 J. Mc DANIEL	YES	30 S. GRIESBACH	YES
13 L. VAN ASTEN	Not Present	31 R. THERN	YES
14 D. DE GROOT	Not Present	32 M. RAHMLow	YES
15 VANDENHEUVEL	YES	33 N. AUSTIN	YES
16 B. LEMANSKI	YES	34 D. RETTLER	YES
17 K. GROAT	YES	35 J. SCHUETTE	YES
18 R. GOSSE	YES	36 C. ANTHONY	YES
Results	Item 7 Passed (33 YES - 0 NO)		
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